

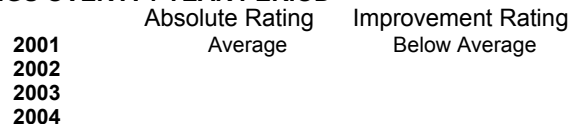
ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 92.

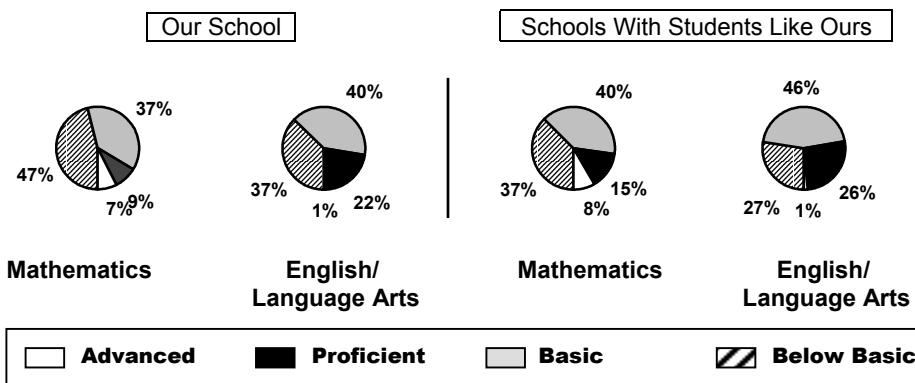
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=418)	62.9	53.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=68)	36.8	20.3		
Students without disabilities (n=346)	68.8	60.5		
Gender				
Male (n=228)	55.3	51.7		
Female (n=185)	74.1	56.8		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=224)	48.2	39.5		
Hispanic (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=185)	82.7	71.4		
Other (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=256)	52.3	42.7		
Pay for lunch (n=157)	82.2	72.6		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,672	N/A	\$5,446	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.3%	Down from 88.4%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	N/A	18.5 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=832)				
• Attendance Rate	95.2%	Down from 95.6%	96.1%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	9.4%	N/A	5.2%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	8.4%	N/A	3.4%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	99.2%	Up from 96.8%	96.9%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	4.9%	Up from 4.2%	4.2%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=58)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.9 Days	Up from 7.6	7.4 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.1%	No change	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	44.8%	Down from 50%	45%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	87.9%	Up from 86.2%	83.8%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	5.2%	Up from 3.4%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.1%	Down from 93%	87.3%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,103	Up 2.1%	\$36,883	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	70.4%	N/A	65.5%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	10	N/A	3	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	95.8%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	73.2%	Up from 39.7%	49.7%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.5%	Up from 0.3%	1.5%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	11.5%	Up from 8.3%	9.5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	13.1%	Up from 12%	8.8%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a great year at St. John's Elementary. Our students performed well in academics, athletics, attendance, attitude and the arts. Students supported the community with the Christmas food drive, Jump Rope for Heart, St. Jude's Math-a-thon and the Cans for Pets project. Some of our accomplishments include: (1) 99% of our entering first graders scored ready on CSAB, (2) students earned 46,243 points in the Reading Renaissance program, (3) eight classrooms earned Model Classroom status, (4) Elizabeth Flowers was the district Lt. Governor's writing award winner, (5) Valery Smith won the district spelling bee and competed in regional competition, (6) 17 students earned the Presidential Fitness Award, (7) 75 students were invited to attend the summer art and music programs, (8) nine students competed in the Sandhills Regional Science Fair and (9) 69 students earned all A's.

Our teachers worked to improve their skills. Twenty-two teachers participated in a math standards course. Seventeen teachers attended Working on the Work sessions to provide engaging, quality work for students. Teachers attended professional development conferences and served on several district committees. Cathy Hilburn was the District Teacher of the Year, while Chuck Miller was recognized as the outstanding first-year teacher. Libby Thompson was selected 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year and will represent the school on the district Teacher Forum. Teachers offered morning math and reading tutorial services for students. Communities in Schools and a Homework Center provided additional academic opportunities for students.

Our Association of Parents and Teachers, business partners, and the School Improvement Council supported and worked to improve our school. The APT raised funds to purchase classroom library sets, continued beautification projects, purchased classroom equipment and rewarded academic excellence by sponsoring the Beach Blast, the Accelerated Reader store, and Honor Roll programs.

St. John's Elementary continues her tradition of excellence, serving the Darlington community since 1818!

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	93.0	82.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	91.1	92.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	63.2	89.5	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

St John's Elementary
140 Park Street
Darlington, SC 29532

Grades K-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 832 Students

Principal

Mrs. Jean Taylor 843-398-5130

Superintendent

Dr. Rainey H. Knight 843-398-5200

Board Chair

Dr. Allen McCutchen 843-332-2852

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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